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Early 20th century

Kentmere

Chestertown

Sited on a hillside overlooking the Chester River, Kentmere is an early 20th century house which reflects the influence of the Colonial Revival style on domestic architecture. It is a 1-1/2 story gambrel roofed building with an L-plan and central entrance/stair hall. A full width front porch is covered by the main house roof. The second story front is lighted by 4 large gable dormers.

Colonial Revival sprang from an interest in American Colonial buildings that was initiated by the Centennial Celebration of 1876. A favorite motif of colonial revival structures is the gambrel roof sometimes with flaring eaves as in this house. Tall, prominent chimneys; shingled walls, and roofs; and sweeping porches are all popular features of the style that are seen in this house.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Kentmere

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number East side Quaker Neck Rd. (Rt. 289) Chestertown  
Southwest side of Chester River, 1½ miles S of ☐ not for publication

city, town Chestertown ☒ vicinity of congressional district FIRST

state Maryland county Kent

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Henry C. Beck, Jr.

street & number 4600 First National Bank Bldg telephone no.:

city, town Dallas state and zip code Texas 75202

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber EHP53

street & number folio 252

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

**Check one**

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Kentmere is a 1½ story gambrel-roofed building with an L-plan and central entrance/stair hall. Four bays wide, a full-width front porch is covered by the main-house roof. The second story front is lighted by 4 large gable dormers.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Kentmere is an early 20th century house which reflects the influence of the Colonial Revival style on domestic architecture. The Colonial Revival sprang from an interest in American colonial buildings that was initiated by the Centennial Celebration of 1876. A favorite motif of Colonial revival structures is the gambrel roof form, sometimes with flaring eaves as in this house. Tall, prominent chimneys, shingled walls and roofs and sweeping porches are all popular features of the style that are seen in this house. Sited on a hillside overlooking the Chester River, this house is clearly visible from Chestertown.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marsha L. Fritz, Surveyor

organization County Commissioners of Kent County

Historical Society of Kent County

date 5/1/81

The Court House

778-4600

street &amp; number Church Alley

telephone 778-3499

city or town Chestertown

state Maryland 21620

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 1½ stories, 4 bays wide, 3 bays deep  
Wing: 1½ stories, 2 bays wide, 3 bays long
2. Plan type - Central Hall L-plan with rear ell
3. Roof type - Main section: broad gambrel  
Wing: gambrel
4. Chimney - Location: Major chimney projects from northern gable  
Another one in southern gambrel  
Materials: running bond brick  
Decorative elements: none. Chimneys appear to have been recently rebuilt.
5. Material - Frame: Narrow weatherboards with molded water table.  
Roofs: Shingle in roof & gambrel ends (wing, the same)  
Foundation: Brick
6. Age - Early 20th century (wing also)
7. Style - Vernacular Shingle or Colonial Revival Style

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main entry: Center of river facade - paneled Dutch door.  
Secondary entry: Rear of wing.
2. Windows - Main section: type - double hung  
lights - 4/4  
details - broad, flat trim and plain sills.  
There is a broad bay that projects into the front porch.  
shutters - louvered, wooden  
Wing: type - same  
details - Some smaller windows in rear of wing to light utility area.  
shutters - wooden louvered
3. Dormers - 4 gable dormers with overhanging eaves across river front of building. There are gambrel dormers with 2 4/4 sash in the slopes of the wing.
4. Roof details - Main section: Deep cornice with composite moldings.  
The main house roof has a kick at the eave.  
Wing: Similar but smaller in scale.
5. Porch - Front porch is covered by the main-house roof. It is supported by 6 slender round columns.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

6. Color - Current: Brown shingles/white trim and weatherboards/  
black shutters except pale blue shutters under porch.
7. Other - The colonial gambrel feeling of the building is emphasized  
by a kick at the eave of the main house roof.

Interior Description

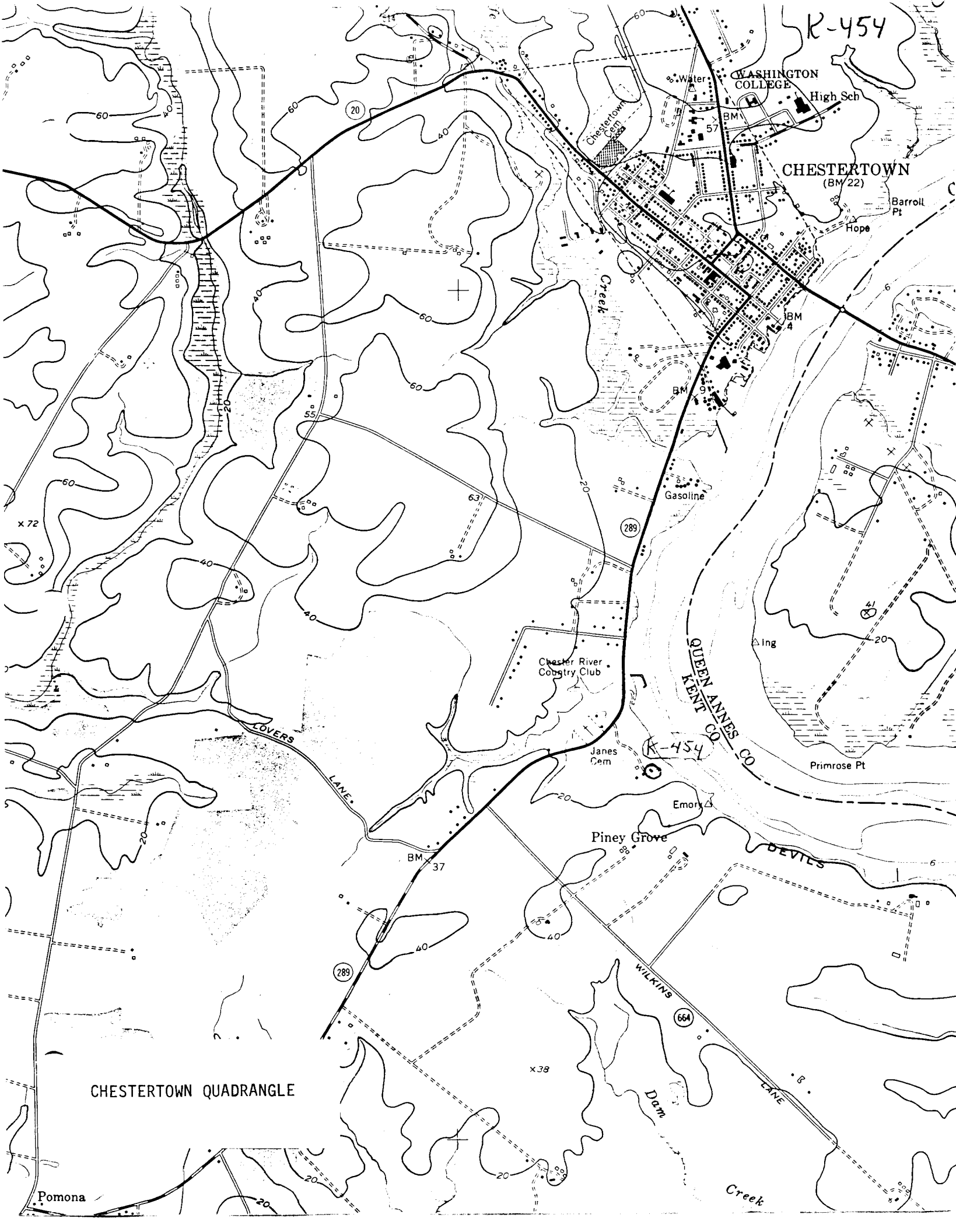
1. Plan type - Central Hall.
2. Major stair - Dog leg with simple details - square newel and  
balusters.
3. Major trim - Windows/doors: Reeded  
Baseboards: Plain
4. Major doors - 5 panel.
5. Floors - Narrow pine.
6. Walls/ceiling finishes - Plaster.

Outbuildings/Site Description

1. Major outbuildings - Original use: Tenant house.  
Material: Frame.
2. Site Description - To reach Kentmere the lane crosses an inlet  
shaded by trees. The house overlooks a spacious lawn bordered  
by natural woods. The lawns overlook the Devil's Reach section  
of the Chester River.
3. Views to/from site - Kentmere has a view of the Chester River  
from the dock of the Country Club to the Chester River Bridge,  
including Chestertown. The buildings along with Piney Grove is  
one of the major old houses near Chestertown clearly visible  
from the river.

Use of Building

1. Current - Residence.
2. Historic - Residence.



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WASHINGTON COLLEGE

High Sch

CHESTERTOWN (BM 22)

Barroll Pt

Hope

Gasoline

Chester River Country Club

James Cem

Emory

Piney Grove

WILKINS

664

Dam

Creek

CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE

Pomona



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Rt. 289, Quaker Neck, nr. Chestertown

M. Q. Fallaw - 8/31/86

View to northeast

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M. Q. Fallaw - 8/31/86

View to southwest

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